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SUBJ: MIKI GOVERNMENT'S LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

SUMMARY: KNOWLEDGEABLE LDP SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF THAT MIKI GOVERNMENT WOULD PROBABLY BE ABLE HAVE NPT RATIFICATION AND ANTI-MONOPOLY LAW REVISION ENACTED INTO LAW THIS DIET SESSION. FATE OF REMAINING FOUR MAJOR PIECES OF LEGISLATION REMAINS DOUBTFUL. END SUMMARY.

1. LDP DIETMAN KAZUO SHIONOYA (MIKI FACTION), VICE CHAIRMAN OF LDP DIET POLICY (I.E. STEERING) COMMITTEE, TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 20 THAT PRIMIN MIKI WANTS TO HAVE ENACTED INTO LAW SIX "SHOWCASE" PIECES OF LEGISLATION (ARRANGED BY EASE OF ENACTMENT ACCORDING TO SHIONOYA):

(A) ANTI-MONOPOLY LAW REVISION

(B) NPT RATIFICATION

(C) REVISION OF DIET ELECTORAL LAW

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(D) POLITICAL FUNDS CONTROL LAW

(E) JAPAN-ROK CONTINENTAL SHELF AGREEMENT

(F) JAPAN-CHINA PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY.

NOTE: INFORMAL GOJ PROPOSALS ON (A) TO (D) ARE NOW BEING
DEBATED WITHIN LDP: (E) IS ALREADY IN LEGISLATIVE
DOCKET: AND (F) IS STILL UNDER NEGOTIATION.

2. SHIONOYA SAID CHANCES WERE GOOD THAT ANTI-MONOPOLY
LAW REVISION AND NPT RATIFICATION WOULD BE PASSED
DURING CURRENT DIET SESSION OR EXTENSION THEREAFTER.
HE ADDED THAT MIKI WOULD CONSIDER HIS LEGISLATIVE
PROGRAM "A SUCCESS" EVEN IF HE HAS ONLY THESE TWO
ENACTED.

3. THE PARTY IS HAVING GREAT DIFFICULTY WITH THE
ELECTORAL LAW AND POLITICAL FUNDS LAW, SHIONOYA SAID, AND
CHANCES OF HAVING THEM PASSED IN THIS SESSION ARE NOT
GOOD.

4. CONTINENTAL SHELF AGREEMENT, ALREADY BEFORE THE DIET,
IS IRONICALLY MORE DIFFICULT TO ENACT THAN THE PRECEDING
FOUR BECAUSE OF RESISTANCE FROM THE OPPOSITION PARTIES,
HE SAID. IT WAS PUT IN THE DOCKET, ACCORDING TO
SHIONOYA, TO PLACATE THE LDP "HAWKS" AND EASE PROBLEM
OF OBTAINING THEIR CLEARANCE ON NPT RATIFICATION AND
JAPAN-CHINA TREATY.

5. SHIONOYA SAID HE DID NOT THINK THE JAPAN-CHINA TREATY
WOULD EVEN BE SUBMITTED TO THE DIET IN THIS SESSION.
WHILE NOT OFFERING ANY EXPLANATION FOR THIS, HE DID
INDICATE THAT IT WOULD SUIT MIKI'S POLITICAL PURPOSE
OUBQ TO HAVE THE TREATY SIGNED, PROBABLY IN TOKYO.

6. COMMENT: SHIONOYA'S COMMENTS DIFFER FROM THOSE
WE HAVE HEARD ELSEWHERE, PARTICULARLY ON ENACTMENT OF
NPT AND DELAY REGARDING JAPAN-CHINA TREATY.
HOWEVER, WE PRESENT HIS VIEWS AT THIS TIME FOR WHAT
THEY MAY BE WORTH BECAUSE OF SHIONOYA'S KEY
POSITION ON LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMMING AND HIS MEMBERSHIP
IN MIKI'S FACTION.

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